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SARA ELIZABETH HARRIS, Local Editor

HAPPENINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. Jesse Neely was up from Ocklawaha Monday.

Mr. John T. Lewis, of Moss Bluff, was among our callers on Monday.

Miss Tracy Oyer, of Citra, was visiting in Ocala Monday.

Misses Jefferson and Daisy Bell have returned home from Tallahassee.

Ben Condon came home Monday from a trip to Jacksonville and Atlanta.

Mrs. Hugh Haycraft and daughter, Etel, are visiting relatives in Jacksonville.

Harry Spalding left Monday for Miami where he goes to accept a position.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins and baby have been quite sick but are improving.

Rev. J. P. Hilburn and son, Oscar, returned home Monday from a visit to White Springs.

Mr. Vernon Clyatt has returned to his home at Bartow Junction after a short visit here.

Buy your binder twine of Marion Hardware Co. Car load just received.

Miss Lelia Barnes has returned home from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pearson at Holder.

Miss Leta Camp returned home Monday afternoon from a visit to Miss Carita Doggett in Jacksonville.

Dr. Fred Blalock has returned from Seabreeze, where he attended the meeting of the Florida dentists.

Tuesday Ocala looked worse than Oliver Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." It was certainly a dull day.

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. Caro Murrell is very critically ill at her home on North Main street.

Mrs. George F. Dittmer and children have gone to Portsmouth, R. I., where they will spend the summer.

Miss Grace A. Townsend, of Avon Park, secretary of the Florida C. E. Union, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins.

Mrs. Drew Mathews went to Williston to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Annie Edwards and Mr. Gramling.

A man fell off the top of one of the cars returning from the picnic Tuesday but fell on a sand bank and was unhurt.

Mr. Ted Drake is the guest of his brother, Mr. Frank Drake. Mr. Drake is suffering with a very painful injured arm.

Mrs. Arthur L. Izlar and son, Master Laurie, have gone to South Carolina to spend the summer with relatives.

Miss Mary Little has been very ill for the past week, much to the regret of her friends.

Miss Cora, Donella and Ossie Griffin, of Anthony, spent Sunday in Ocala, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Martin.

Miss Jessie Palmer has gone to Jacksonville, Quincy and Monticello to visit friends and relatives. She will be absent for several weeks.

Mr. B. W. Blount has purchased the residence occupied by Mr. L. J. Brumby. He will, later on, tear it down and beautify the grounds.

Mrs. M. A. Norwood and daughter, Laura, and their lovely guest, Miss Lillian Marsh, of Oak Hill, are spending a few days in Jacksonville this week.

Mr. H. L. Hough, of Dunnellon, who is one of Marion's most successful turpentine operators, was registered at the Montezuma hotel Saturday.

Dr. S. H. Blitch, of Ocala, physician of the state convicts, and a prominent physician and merchant, was among the prominent men in the city yesterday.—Tallahassee Capitol.

Mrs. W. F. Meadows, of Montgomery, Ala., is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hendricks, as is also Mr. E. R. Hendricks, of Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gerig went up to Palatka Friday for a brief visit to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crook and Miss Florence Crook. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

An orange grove was sold at public auction at a forced sale in front of the court house Monday and brought \$100 per acre. So there is still faith in the culture.

Mrs. William Hocker and her lovely little daughter, Elizabeth, have returned home from a very delightful visit in Jacksonville with Mrs. Hocker's sister, Mrs. E. H. Mote.

Mr. Charles F. Moore, who has been the popular clerk for one of the committees at the Florida legislature returned home Tuesday morning from Tallahassee.

Little John Staten, who has been quite sick for a couple of days, is greatly improved much to the pleasure of his little friends and big ones as well.

Mr. T. L. Steele, of Ocala, Fla., was in Boston this week visiting relatives and friends and transacting business.—Boston, (Ga.) cor. in Thomasville Times-Enterprise.

Mr. C. Milligan, one of the prosperous vegetable growers of Anthony, called in to see us Friday and says that it is a finer crop year in his section than for several years, and the prices for cantaloupes and melons are very encouraging indeed. We rejoice.

Children's Day at Methodist Church.

One Sunday in every year is set apart by the Methodist Sunday school as "children's day." At this time the children have entire charge of the eleven o'clock service and Sunday last was beautifully observed by them.

The church was very prettily decorated to resemble a woodland scene. Suspended from the ceiling was a white dove of peace. The members of the Sunday school marched in the church carrying banners and singing "The Lord's Army." A lovely group of little folks from the primary class occupied places on the stage and amidst the setting of trees, vines and moss they made quite a pretty picture.

The superintendent of the school made a short introductory talk and prayer after which the following program was splendidly given:

Song, "The Flowers' Welcome," School.

Recitation, "The Hospital Corps," Frances Chambers, Clara Johnson, Clarence Zewadski, Willie Chambers and Agnes Burnett.

Song, "The Blue Birds' Song," School.

Recitation, "The Dusty Miller's Choir," Alfred Green, Ruth Lester, Carlton Ervin, Ray Ferguson, Lovick Lee, Blanche Whaley, and Lauraline Bridges.

Song, "We All Have a Place," School.

Recitation, "A Heart of Gold," Irma Blake, Laura Jean Dozier and Lillian Eichelberger.

Song, "Tis a Very Pretty World," School.

Recitation, "The Wild Wood Concert," Ethel Crosby.

Song, "The Robin's Song," School.

Recitation, "The Bee," Olet Zewadski.

Song, "The Two Voices," Irma Blake and George Martin.

The pastor, Rev. L. W. Moore, then made a short and interesting talk to the children. He spoke entirely on the subject of birds, using many illustrations from the scriptures and applying them to the lives of the little ones.

The special offering was then taken up and the benediction pronounced.

Card of Thanks.

The Daughters of the Confederacy tender thanks to Hon. H. W. Long and Major L. T. Izlar for their eloquent addresses on June 3, to Rev. L. W. Moore and Dr. Lindsay for invocation and benediction, to Master Earl Lindsay for efficient services in decorating the Armory in Confederate colors, to Messrs. J. A. Pittman & Son for chairs tables furnished free, to Mr. H. Benjamin for ice, to Mr. M. J. Mixon, of Flemington, for a generous donation to their monument fund, to the Ocala Banner and Evening Star for publishing notices, to all who contributed to the dinner or who otherwise aided to make the occasion a success.

In behalf of Dickson Chapter U. D. C.

Mrs. F. R. GARY,
President.

Miss Bell Retires.

The talented journalist and newspaper correspondent, city editor of the Daily Capital, Miss Jefferson Bell, left with her sister, Miss Margaret Bell, for their home in Ocala yesterday, where Miss Bell will take a well earned vacation of two weeks. She is undetermined whether she will return to Tallahassee at the expiration of that time or not. Miss Bell since her coming to Tallahassee has endeared herself to a large number of people, and these friends will regret any change that she may make which will remove her from Tallahassee.—Tallahassee Capital.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Woodrow and daughter and Mrs. Charles Cullen and children, who have been spending several days at Woodmar, returned home Tuesday night with the picnic crowd.

(AT REST.

After a pilgrimage of eighty-six years through this world of ours, which she helped to adorn, beautify and bless, the spirit of Mrs. Sarah A. Harris crossed the mystic river to take its place with the celestial hosts on the other shore.

All that was mortal of her was laid to rest Sunday afternoon and the large number that attended the funeral services showed in what reverence, esteem and affection she was held.

The floral offerings were beautiful and abundant, there being lovely wreaths and crosses from the Home Mission Society, the Senior Epworth League and the Junior Epworth League of the Methodist church, besides many from the personal friends of the deceased.

The remains were first conveyed to the Methodist church where the services were held and after a sweet song by the choir Rev. L. W. Moore delivered the following very heartfelt and touching tribute:

FUNERAL ORATION.

"And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath which is Bethlehem. And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day."—Gen. 35:19, 20.

This is a very touching record. Special mention is made, not only of Rachel's demise, but of the effort to mark the spot where the precious, faithful wife and mother was to lie through the historic centuries.

A pillar was placed on her grave; and true to the scripture, it is called Rachel's pillar (or tomb) unto this day. Thirty-six hundred and thirty-four years ago Jacob buried his first love, but today, after the effacement of many other historic scenes, travelers in the Holy Land can stop and view Rachel's tomb in the way of Ephrath.

A touching record I say. This special mention of Rachel's death and careful burial puts one to studying the character, and to a successful search after the incidents which clothe the record with peculiar beauty and pathos. Standing, in imagination before her tomb, the mind runs back to the house of Laban, where the betrothal was effected—which betrothal doubtless was arranged in heaven—and after fourteen years of unmixed devotion, was consummated in marriage. It was a case of genuine love and affection running in a God-given channel, because God had given His silent direction in the matter. Never was drawn a more beautiful picture of truthfulness, faithfulness, mutual consideration, forbearance and undying devotion.

From that beautiful nuptial scene in the land of Laban the picture is lengthened out through all the checkered path of experience—fears, hopes, successes, adversities, joys and sorrows—till the final touch is given, namely, Rachel's tomb. And while she enters into the human descent of our Lord, there are other reasons why her burial is specially mentioned, and why the rolling centuries have not yet hidden her memorial slab. It is the character of Rachel that speaks to us more than her pedigree or her royal line. Piety, devotion, and her beautiful, uncomplaining love, all tell us that she is worthy of a standing tomb upon which the nations of earth may look with admiring eyes. In this brief outline do we not see many other Rachels of today? Is not Rachel's life and burial a prototype of other women equally beautiful in life and peaceful in death?

Eighty-six years ago sister Harris was born; and from that distant date up to last Friday at 6 p. m., her life was as eventful and beautiful as was that of Jacob's wife. I say eventful—for all our lives are eventful. The battle of private life has its unpublished events, and these are the ones that test the mental, moral, and religious texture of which we are made.

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In the days of her maidenhood sister Harris developed those traits of character and that commanding personality that arrests and engages the thought and admiration of the strong man who seeks the companionship of a queen. Such jewels are always in demand. And so, to Ebenezer J. Harris, of precious memory, she was married; and no Rachel was ever more faithful and loving to a husband than was she. By him she stood, in sunshine or rain, in prosperity or adversity, till in 1885 she bade him an affectionate goodbye at the banks of the mystic river.

The husband's absence, instead of weakening only strengthened the chords of her affection, and so among the many tributes of her love she placed in this sanctuary of her Lord yon memorial window: "In memory of Ebenezer Jackson Harris"—"Gift of a loving wife."

In this city she lived from 1850 to 1880—a period of thirty years. Here she not only proved the queen of a strong man and husband, but an evangel of blessing to the needy, and a strong helper in this church where she and her husband so long worshipped together. Many there be who shall rise up and call her blessed. As she and her husband look down upon us from yon memorial window they seem to beckon us to the skies—for surely they went in no other direction.

A king of birds was once chained down in the streets of Orlando. It was a magnificent specimen of the bald eagle. I heard its pathetic cry and saw it plume its wings and look toward the blue ether with longing to soar to its native sky. I said, they may chain you but you are a king of birds for all that, and if they will snap your chain you will show them the loftiness of your aim.

For eighty-six years Sister Harris was chained to this earth by the chain of mortal flesh, but she was a queen of spirits for all that, and it only required the breaking of fetters to show the loftiness of her aim. And when the chain suddenly snapped on last Friday evening her flight was that of the eagle, skyward, heavenward.

The beauty of her leaving is enough to assuage all sadness and break the current of our grief. Let the soft steps of her gentle departure and the sweet Sabbath of rest she now enjoys, bring quietness and resignation to every heart, and let us bear this vacated tenement to our common resting place.

The casket was then by tender and sympathetic hands taken to Evergreen cemetery and interred by the side of her husband and sons.

The pall bearers were: Judge D. S. Williams, Judge W. S. Bullock, Messrs. B. A. Weathers, O. B. Howe, W. T. Gary, E. T. Helvenston and Judge Richard McConathy, Messrs. J. E. Bailey, D. A. Miller and W. C. Jeffords acted as honorary pall bearers.

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